

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

This application was originally filed with informal drawings. Formal drawings are now being submitted. No substantive changes to the drawings have been made. Rather, the drawings have been redrawn so that lines are clear, sharp, and well-defined, reference numbers are clearly shown, parts designated by the reference numbers are clearly indicated, and no erasures and extraneous markings are visible.

For the Examiner's review, a clean copy of each drawing sheet containing the Figures 1-16 is appended hereto in an Appendix beginning on page 22 of this paper.

Remarks

For the Drawings:

This application was originally filed with informal drawings. Formal drawings are now submitted herewith in an Appendix A as replacements to the informal drawings. No substantive changes have been made to the drawings and no new matter has been added.

For the Claims:

Applicant submitted claims 1-46. This Office Action rejected claims 1-4, 16, 18, 19, 32, 34-36, and 45. In addition, this Office Action objected to claims 5-15, 17, 20-31, 33, 37-44, and 46 as being dependent upon rejected base claims. It should be noted that the Office Action Summary fails to provide a disposition of claim 35. Nevertheless, a rejection of claim 35 is provided in the Detailed Action. Applicant cancels claims 1-4, 16, 18, 19, 32, 34-36, and 45, amends claims 5, 17, 20, 21, 22, 33, 37, 38, 42, and 46, and retains claims 6-15, 23-31, 39-41, 43, and 44 as originally submitted. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration.

This Office Action rejects claims 1, 16, and 34-36 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Pasternak et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,648,969. In addition, this Office Action rejects claims 2-4, 18, 19, 32, and 45 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pasternak in view of Elliot et al., U.S. Patent No. 7,120,456.

This Amendment amends the objected to claim 5 to independent form, including all the limitations of independent claim 1, from which it formerly depended. Consequently, claim 5 should now be

found allowable. The objected to claims 6-15 depend directly or indirectly from amended independent claim 5. As such, the objected to claims 6-15 should now be found allowable as originally filed. This Amendment additionally amends the objected to claim 17 to independent form, including all the limitations of independent claim 1 and the intervening claim 16, from which it formerly depended. Consequently, claim 17 should now be found allowable. In light of the modifications to claims 5 and 17, claims 1-4 and 16 are being canceled. Thus, the rejections of claims 1-4 and 16 are no longer relevant.

This Amendment amends the objected to claim 20 to independent form, including all the limitations of independent claim 18, from which it formerly depended. Likewise, this Amendment amends the objected to claims 21 and 22 to independent form, including all the limitations of independent claim 18, from which they formerly depended. Consequently, claims 20, 21, and 22 should now be found allowable. The objected to claims 23-31 depend directly or indirectly from amended independent claim 22. As such, the objected to claims 23-31 should now be found allowable as originally filed. This Amendment additionally amends the objected to claim 33 to independent form, including all the limitations of independent claim 18 and the intervening claim 32, from which it formerly depended. Consequently, claim 33 should now be found allowable as originally filed. In light of the modifications to claims 20, 21, 22, and 33, claims 18, 19, and 32 are being canceled. Thus, the rejections of claims 18, 19, and 32 are no longer relevant.

This Amendment amends the objected to claim 37 to independent form, including all the limitations of independent claim 34 and the intervening claim 35, from which it formerly depended.

Consequently, claim 37 should now be found allowable. This Amendment additionally amends the objected to claims 38 and 42 to independent form, including all the limitations of independent claim 34, from which they formerly depended. Consequently, claims 38 and 42 should now be found allowable. The objected to claims 39-41 depend from amended independent claim 38, and the objected to claims 43 and 44 depend directly or indirectly from amended independent claim 42. As such, the objected to claims 39-41, 43, and 44 should now be found allowable as originally filed. In light of the modifications to claims 37, 38, and 42, claims 34-36 are being canceled. Thus, the rejection of claims 34-36 is no longer relevant.

This Amendment amends the objected to claim 46 to independent form, including all the limitations of independent claim 45, from which it formerly depended. Consequently, claim 46 should now be found allowable. In light of the modifications to claim 46, claim 45 is being canceled. Thus, the rejection of claim 45 is no longer relevant.

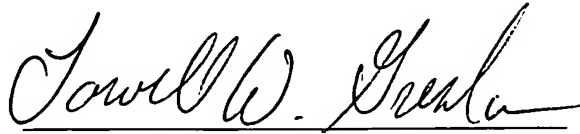
Accordingly, this Amendment cancels claims 1-4, 16, 18, 19, 32, 34-36, and 45, and amends claims 5, 17, 20-22, 33, 37, 38, 42, and 46. Currently amended claims 5, 17, 20-22, 33, 37, 38, 42, and 46 remain in the application and are believed to be allowable. In addition, claims 6-15, 23-31, 39-41, 43, and 44 remain in the application as originally submitted and are believed to be allowable.

Applicant believes that the foregoing amendments and remarks are fully responsive to the rejections recited in the 7 February 2008 Office Action and that the present application is now in a

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condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

This Appendix contains 12 drawing sheets containing a clean copy of each of Figures 1-16.